

Muscoy MAC Meeting Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2007

Council Members Present:

Larry Claunch, Wallace Herbert, Kay Sanders, Jerry Smith, Vanney Mayberry

Absent: Gloria Dickey, Anna Duarte

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice Chair Larry Claunch at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Council Member Jerry Smith moved to approve the Minutes of the August meeting. Council Member Vanney Mayberry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Group Home Legislative Report-Josh Candelaria, Deputy Director County Legislative Affairs / Sex Offender Release

Supervisor Gonzales has been working diligently with Code Enforcement, the Sheriff's office and other departments regarding the issue of sex offenders residing in local group homes. Mr. Candelaria explained Jessica's law and addressed the importance of resident protection and safety. He will provide a copy of the County ordinance for the next meeting. For more information please log on to <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>

REPORTS

A. Public Safety Reports

1. Sheriff's Department – Kathy Gray

Total calls for service: 1341; Total report calls: 181; 4-Malicious vandalisms, 5 – Stolen Vehicles, 6 – Recovered stolen vehicles, 23– property crimes/commercial, residential and vehicle burglary, illegal entry dwelling, land trespass, identity theft, graffiti, grand and petty thefts, 5- Misc. Reports, 20 – crimes against person/s/attempted murder/assault with weapon, assault on officer, assault with injury and concealed weapon, 17 misc. reports/missing and returned persons, runaway juvenile, death inv, CPS follow-up and psychological evaluations. 35- Arrests/including cruelty to child, sex crime child, spouse abuse, domestic battery, assault with weapon, assault on officer, assault with injury, parole violation, land trespass, possession of stolen property, driving without a license, drunk in public, possession of and under the influence of Drugs, and 35 warrant arrests.

2. 5th District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Adjourn in Memory – Supervisor Josie Gonzales adjourned the September 11th meeting of the Board of Supervisors in memory of Fred Adams who passed away on September 7. Mr. Adams was the General Manager of the Muscoy Mutual Water Company since 1994. He will be greatly missed.

Water Emergency – Muscoy Mutual Water Company officials alerted residents that copper thieves vandalized the motors serving three of the company's five water wells during the night of Sept. 12. The vandalism compromised the wells' ability to produce water for the company's customers. This is a serious act of vandalism and the law enforcement officials are conducting a thorough investigation. Vandals will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

County Road Work – DPW will be paving Vermont St. from just south of Blake St., north to 1st Avenue, and from 3rd Ave., to the City limits just north of Portola St. on the 26th and 27th of September.

- Traffic delays are likely to occur on the days of paving, as well as on the 19th and 20th during milling operations.
- Other routine activities, including pothole patching, sign maintenance and deceased animal removal will be conducted during September and October, and throughout the Muscoy area as needed.

Road Closure – Contractors are installing a 36-inch water main under the railroad crossing on the southbound lane of Palm Ave. between Industrial Parkway and Cajon Blvd. All emergency vehicles and any residents living within the closure area will be allowed access at all times.

SANBAG Noise Advisory – State Street/University Parkway Grade Separation - Construction is continuing on the State Street / University Parkway grade separation project. Construction activities are planned through the end of September. San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is committed to keeping people informed about periodic traffic changes during construction. For more information, contact SANBAG at (909) 875-6029 x216.

Muscoy Group Homes – The Supervisor's office is working diligently to address constituent complaints, and taking a multi-team approach to investigating group homes in Muscoy. The team includes: Code Enforcement, Sheriff, and Probation. As Josh Candelaria from the County Office of Legislative Affairs reported this evening, we are working to develop feasible, enforceable regulations of these type of businesses. A representative from the District Attorney's office plans to make a presentation at the next MAC meeting.

Prison Cap Intervention - The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to have the County's voice heard in a federal case that threatens to force the release of thousands of felons onto the streets of San Bernardino County. The Board formally supported plans by San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael A. Ramos to intervene in the federal lawsuit. The lawsuit could result in the establishment of a prison population cap and subsequent mass release of inmates from California prisons.

Muscoy Charros Parade - On Saturday, September 15, the Supervisor participated in the annual Muscoy *Charros* parade. *Charros* is the Spanish term for horsemen. The parade was organized as part of National Hispanic month activities and the 197th anniversary of Mexican Independence from European dominance.

The parade included approximately 80 horsemen and women dressed in traditional *Charro* costume, and included a queen of the parade. The horses were beautiful – Appaloosas, Clydesdales, Arabian, etc. Special thanks to Mr. Jorge Rojas for inviting the Supervisor and the Sheriff to participate in this annual event. We appreciate Muscoy resident, Danny Flores for driving the Supervisor in his classic 1963 Lincoln Convertible.

Paper Ballots – The Board of Supervisors voted to authorize the **Registrar of Voters** to use paper ballots during the Nov. 6, 2007 election for local offices and the February 5, 2008 presidential primary. This action was taken in compliance with the Secretary of State's withdrawal of electronic voting systems in California. ROV will provide one touch screen-voting unit at each polling location to provide accessible voting for the disabled. ROV will conduct poll worker training for issuing, voting, and processing paper ballots. Because of labor-intensive vote tabulation procedures on Election Day, ROV is recommending Absentee Voting (as an alternative to voting at the polls). Voter education and outreach programs will be implemented throughout the county.

Muscoy Community Clean Up Events – Saturday, September 29 and October 6, 8:00 a.m. to 12p.m. Two locations: Corner of 2850 Macy & Darby Streets and Pal Center, 2450 Blake St. FREE. For more information, call 909 387-0289.

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center's 5th Annual Community Health & Safety Fair – Saturday September 22 – 10a.m. to 2p.m. 400 N. Pepper Ave., Colton. Supervisor Josie Gonzales is sponsoring the event along with numerous agencies to promote good health and wellness in the community. Free health screening for adults and kids; free refreshments, raffles, bounce houses and lots more. FREE. For info. call 909 580-1000.

After School Mini Grant Program – Supervisor Gonzales is offering funding to non-profit organizations that operate local after school programs in the County's 5th District. She has allocated \$10,000 for the program. Mini-grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded on a first-come-first served basis. Programs must provide proof of incorporation to qualify for funding. Applications are available on Supervisor Gonzales' website at www.sbcounty.gov/gonzales, or by calling the office at 909 387-4565.

County E-mail updates on news and events - Anyone with an e-mail address can automatically receive timely updates on San Bernardino County news, events, and services completely free of charge through the county website at www.sbcounty.gov.

WE TIP - San Bernardino County rolled out a comprehensive program to curb illegal dumping in unincorporated communities, including Muscoy. Residents who witness illegal dumping in unincorporated communities will be rewarded up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the identification and/or arrest and conviction of an illegal dumper. Citizens may provide information immediately by calling We Tip at: (800) 78-CRIME or by submitting information online at www.wetip.com.

Community Calendar - Supervisor Gonzales has a community calendar link on her County website: www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5/. She welcomes Fifth District non-profit organizations to submit information on public events for posting on this site.

Fifth District Graffiti Hotline: Residents may call toll-free for **1-877-44-ABATE** for graffiti abatement services. The contract covers all and only properties located within the County 5th District unincorporated areas. The contract will allow the vendor to abate graffiti located on private property with written consent from the property owner. The current response time for graffiti complaints is 48 hours.

Tattoo Removal Program - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The clinic is being offered to juveniles 15-18 years old. It is free to juveniles referred by the Probation Dept. Parents/guardians must accompany the youth. For information, contact Bill Woods at 909 580-3216.

2. County Code Enforcement – Ken King / Joanna Cavazos

Ken King invited Muscoy residents to participate in the two community clean up's scheduled simultaneously for September 29th, 2007 from 8 am-12 pm. One will take place next to the Fire Station and the other at the PAL Center. Mr. King reported on illegal dumping, several signs will be placed throughout the community to raise awareness of illegal dumping informing residents that illegal dumping is a crime. Mr. King invited residents to report illegal dumping using the We-Tip hotline. Mr. King responded to questions from the public.

Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the county's health and development codes. If residents have questions or complaints they may contact County Code Enforcement at (909) 387-4044.

3. California Highway Patrol – Officer Ramos

Officer Ramos reported invited Muscoy residents to help the CHP by calling in any complaints they may have. Office Ramos responded to questions from the public.

To report a traffic complaint to the CHP residents may call the CHP front desk officer at (909) 383-4247.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Items

- a. Street lighting Report
 - 1. Pamela Vandervoort & Gale Glenn, County Special Districts

Streetlights will be going into the Muscoy area; a list was mailed to all Muscoy residents stating the exact locations of where the lights will be installed. 6 new lights have been added to the new plan (north of Portola). Copies of the list were provided during the MAC meeting for residents. For any questions please call Pamela Vandervoort at (909) 387-6067

- 2. Southern California Edison Staff-Rey Gonzales & Vince Alvarez

The installation of the lights will take approximately one month; the installation will start in mid October and hope to be completed by mid November.

Council member Vanney Mayberry motioned to continue with street light project. Council member Jerry Smith seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Non-Action Items

- a. **CERT Report** - Larry Claunch reported that he is still trying to contact Dennis West from the Office of Emergency Services. He was told that Mr. West was on vacation. Mr. Claunch plans to have more information at the next MAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

- a. **Group Home Sub-Committee**- MAC members voted to form a new Group Home Sub-Committee to address the community's concerns and develop and implement action plans. Council Members Wallace Herbert, Larry Claunch and Kay Sanders volunteered to be part of the Sub-Committee. Ms. Nancy Henry volunteered from the audience.

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Larry Claunch

MAC Member Larry Claunch reported about his concern with group homes, Mr. Claunch mentioned that based on the zoning most homes are single family dwellings. Mr. Claunch urged residents to contact elected official to voice their concerns regarding Group Homes.

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

No Report

Council Member Kay Sanders

No Report

Council Member Jerry Smith

No Report

Public Comments:
None

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2007, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Muscoy Fire Station # 75, 2852 Macy Street.

Submitted by: Laura Villalobos – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565.